

HB252

To the House Judiciary Committee

I oppose HB252 as it is a serious threat to Christianity and other religions. The First Amendment to our U.S. Constitution protects "religion" and the "free exercise thereof". Yet in states which have passed bills similar to HB252, that freedom has been usurped by the homosexual agenda.

In 2008 Elaine Haguenin, a professional photographer, who is a Christian was sued by a lesbian, who filed a complaint against Elaine through the New Mexico Human Rights Commission. The complaint charged that Elaine violated the state's "Sexual Orientation Discrimination Law" by declining to photograph a lesbian's "Commitment Ceremony".

In her trial Elaine stated that in her wedding work, she wanted to send a Godly message of the goodness of marriage between a man and a woman. Should a state have the right to force a Christian to submit her talent to any project, which violates her conscience? New Mexico doesn't even recognize same sex marriage, yet Elaine will have to pay \$3,000. in fines, because her beliefs are contrary to those of the lesbian couple.

The religious citizens of MT will be discriminated against, also, because the "free exercise of religion" is denied by HB252. Please visit www.ADFTruthandTriumph.org and you will see that the Human Rights Commissions and the Courts always trump the rights guaranteed to Religion in the U.S. Constitution.

Please oppose HB252 and honor our Founding Fathers who knew the value of Religion and its expression in our society.

Sincerely,

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